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To

Subject Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Site

Sam- I attended the meeting last night in Plainwell regarding the Plainwell Dam and impoundment cleanup but did not get time to talk to you. First, we are delighted some PCB's are actually being removed from the Kalamazoo River in Allegan County. Let me introduce myself, my name is Bill Hinz and I am the Environmental Health Director and Deputy Health Officer for the Allegan County Health Department and I have worked the Department for almost 34 years. I have been attending meetings regarding the Kalamazoo River and the PCB contamination for almost that many years and we are thankful for any progress. The reason I am contacting you today however is because the Environmental Health Division of the Health Department took over the Soil Erosion Control Program for Allegan County this month and we now have responsibility for plan review, permitting, inspection and enforcement of the Allegan County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. Anyway, is this clean up by the EPA and the contractors exempt from a County Soil Erosion permit for work conducted with 500 feet of the River or which disturbs more than the 1 acre? If you are exempt from local permits that is fine but we are still interested in the proposed soil erosion control measures for the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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